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MCLB Update



Straight down the track...

MCLB Albany has been using trains for the last fifty years supplying the base with needed materials and supplies. See Page 3.



Bad deals on bad wheels...

Marines are being suckered into bad auto loans. Lemon cars and lemon deals are examined in detail. See Page 3.



Drink, drive — you lose...

Labor Day weekend will claim the lives of hundreds of Americans. Drinking and driving do not mix on the nation's highways. See Page 5.

Animal health and fitness...

The monthly visit by the base veterinarian will be Sept. 7, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Appointments for your pets can be made through the Provost Marshal's Office by calling the Desk Sgt. 639-5181/5182/5183.

Swimming along...

Enjoy the rest of the summer season at the Base Pool. The pool is scheduled for closure the day after Labor Day. Pool hours are Tuesday — Sundays 1 — 8 p.m.

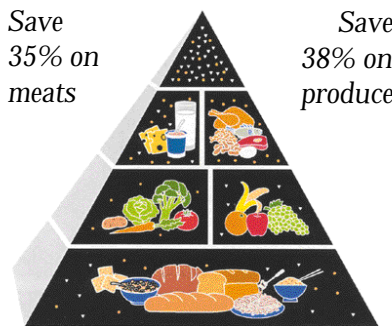
Voting registration...

To vote, you must be registered. To register if deployed or residing outside your state of residency, you must complete a Federal Post Card Application. If you are stateside, you have until Sep. 15 to register. If you need a FPCA or assistance in completing one, contact your unit voting assistance officer today. Call Gunner Sgt. Heppard at 639- 7933 for more information.

Annual security brief...

There will be Annual Security Refresher Training conducted Sep. 9 in the Base Theater. Attendance is mandatory for anyone who has a security clearance including tenant and contractor personnel at one of the four sessions. For more information, contact Larry Burnett at 639-7071.

Commissary offers great savings
Individuals who shop at the MCLB commissary save 30% on groceries.



Airlines thank military, extend special travel fares

HEADQUARTERS USMC
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FORT WORTH, Texas — In recognition of the courageous efforts of U.S. military personnel, American Airlines today announced the continuation of several special offers, including discounted fares, Admirals Club access and Group One Boarding privileges, exclusively for active duty members of the military.

"We appreciate the continued sacrifices made by our servicemen and women, and

their families," said Dan Garton, American's Executive Vice President of Marketing. "By extending these special offers, we hope to make it easier for military families to get together with their loved ones."

American Airlines is now allowing travel on these special fares through Jan. 31, 2005. Active duty members of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, National Guard, and Reserves on leave or furlough (including those who are traveling within seven days of discharge

from active service), and their spouse and dependent children are eligible for these fares. Special military fares also are available for travel to various international destinations.

Reservations can be made at American Airlines ticketing locations or by calling American Airlines reservations toll-free at 800-433-7300. Military ID must be presented at the time of airport check-in. These military fares are not available via the Internet. Other restrictions apply. For

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Albany speaker wins first place at conference

EMBLEM STAFF

Almost 3,500 government employees flocked to the nation's capital to attend the 2004 Blacks In Government 26th Annual National Training Conference held Aug. 16-20.

The event was built around the theme "Promoting knowledge, growth and flexibility in a global government." According to Mr. Bill Robinson, president of MCLB Albany's area chapter, the event was a huge success. Ms. Sherrilyne Marshall, vice president, MCLB Albany chapter also was present at the event. "The participation of government employees from all over the world at this event was truly amazing and pleasantly overwhelming," she stated.

The conference provided a venue for the attendees to receive an excellent training opportunity through career development workshops, agency forums, and special emphasis programs. Among the conference's prominent featured speakers were Bishop Vashiti Murphy, first woman bishop in the AME church; James Amps, president/CEO of Amps Communicators and Gwendolyn Boyd, national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Each year, the Albany chapter solicits students from the local high schools to participate in an oratorical or information superhighway competition both sponsored by the organization. The winners of the local competitions are given the opportunity to advance to a regional event with subsequent follow-on of possible placement within the national forum. BIG's annual national oratorical scholarship contest was held at this training conference. Oratorical contestants prepared a four to six minute oration on the topic of "Strategies for Successful Youth Development." Having won first place in the regional contest held in Atlanta, Georgia on May 1, 2004, Timothy Hardwick of Albany, Georgia represented the BIG Albany area chapter here at the national competition. Timothy eloquently won over the hearts of the judges and brought the first place trophy home to Albany. Having graduated from Dougherty High School last May, Timothy will be attending Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia this fall.

BIG also hosted the Youth Educational Summit which was entitled "Empowering Youth to Meet Tomorrow's Dreams." Phyllis Pratt, of Money Smart Solutions, presented a brief overview of basic financial skills. The 2005 conference will be held in Orlando, Florida. "We hope that more MCLB employees will be given the opportunity to attend," Robinson said.

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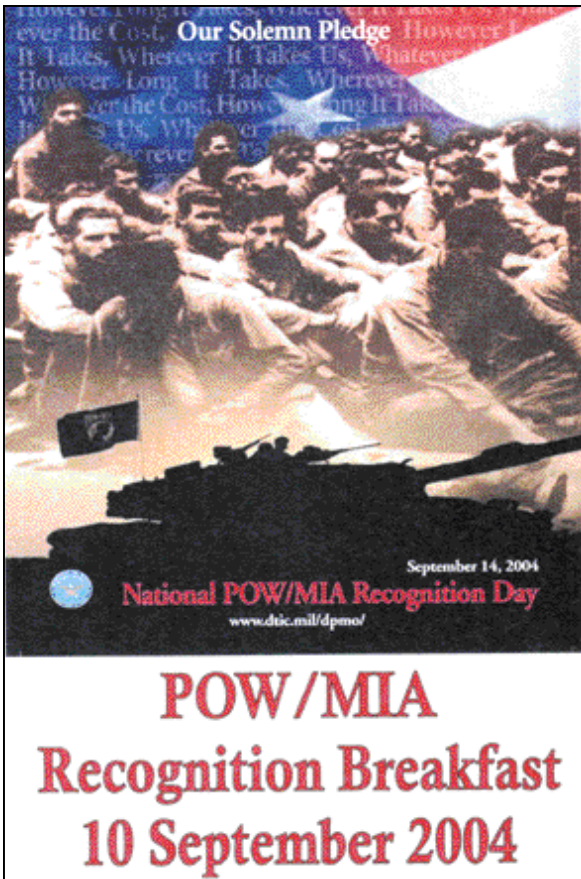


The command's annual POW/MIA Recognition Breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by the opening of the ceremony at 9 a.m., Sept. 10 at the Crossroads Restaurant.

Tickets are \$6.50 each and are available at the Marine Corps Community Services and the Public Affairs Offices.

Attendees are encouraged to purchase tickets early because seating will be limited.

Base personnel who attend the breakfast may charge the time to training, workloads permitting and subject to the approval of immediate supervisors.



POW/MIA speaker's history includes daring escape

REGINA HEGWOOD
BRAC PROGRAM OFFICE

The 2004 speaker at MCLB Albany's annual POW/MIA Recognition Breakfast, set for Sept. 10, will be retired Marine Sgt. Maj. Glenn N. Wright, whose career spanned 30-plus years and assignments in Korea and Vietnam.

Although he managed to avoid capture by the nation's enemies, Wright is no stranger to the prisoner-of-war and missing-in-action experiences. His older brother Millard was captured in Germany in early 1945 during World War II. Sgt. Maj. Wright was 11 years old at the time.

Also, in the spring of 1944, the sergeant major's parents received a telegram from the U.S. War Department informing them that their son Don was lost at sea and presumed drowned. A German submarine had sunk the Merchant Marine vessel on which Don served.

Don Wright had received a draft notice in 1942, but the Army turned him down because he was deaf in one ear. Determined to serve his country in the face of such for-

midable enemies as Germany and Japan were at the time, Don joined the Merchant Marines.

Fortunately, a few days after the Wrights' first telegram from the War Department they were notified that a British escort ship had picked up Don and several other Americans on a raft somewhere in the Atlantic.

Millard's career began when he enlisted in the Army in 1940. He received a battlefield commission at the same time that Audie Murphy and several other soldiers in his battalion did. Some may recall that Audie Murphy, winner of the Medal of Honor, portrayed himself in the movie "To Hell and Back," which related his experiences during World War II.

Following their commissions, Millard Wright was assigned duty as commander of Company C and Murphy became commander of Company B.

Millard Wright fought in the North African Campaign, the Sicily Campaign, the Anzio landing and the landing at Salerno during the Italian Campaign. He landed in the south of France in 1944, where his company fought their

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Labor Day holiday safety emphasized

This Labor Day we have thousands of Marines deployed in support of the global war on terror. These Marines are doing a superb job of looking after each other on the battlefield.

For those Marines fortunate enough to spend this Labor Day with friends and family, it is important that you maintain the same focus and sense of responsibility taking care of yourself, your fellow Marines, and your family throughout your Labor Day activities. Our enemies seek to do us harm — do not do their job for them.

Semper Fidelis,
M. W. Hagee,
General, U.S. Marine Corps,
Commandant of the Marine Corps



TONY RAWLS

Reading is fundamental

(Front left) Tristan Maloy was the super outstanding reader for the summer reading program on base. Arelexus Brown took the trophy as outstanding reader. 1st Sgt. Anthony Wade spoke at the annual library summer reading award program. (Left to right) Library staff members attending the event were Takelia Jones, summer hire, Clorice Williams, assistant librarian and Amos Tookes, head librarian.

A Few Good Words



LT. CMDR. ROGER RICHARDS
COMMAND CHAPLAIN

‘Give it a rest’

This weekend, we once again celebrate Labor Day. I don't know about you, but sometimes I think I work harder when I am off work than I do at the office. It seems like no matter when I take time off, I work myself to exhaustion. I know that on Labor Day, it is a time to honor the nation's workforce, but it seems like it winds up being a time to honor forced work.

An example would be last month. When my wife and I took off to celebrate our anniversary, we spent a couple of days on a sort of second honeymoon, then went to Alabama to visit one of the kids. My wife had bought a large outdoor play set for our grandson for his birthday. Unfortunately, my son had neither the time nor skills to construct this monstrosity. I guess that is what Grandpa's are for. It took me a day and a half, but I got it put together.

We left Alabama and went to our house in Florida where my father and I spent an entire day putting up ceiling fans on our back patio. It was a challenge because there is no ceiling and we had to install a brace to hold the fans first. The end result is very nice and makes a welcome addition to the patio, but it was work getting there.

After a day of working on the house, we drove to Pensacola to visit our other son. When I was there, I mowed the yard and my wife and I entertained our grandson while our daughter-in-law took care of some chores she had been wanting to do for a while. After a day or two, we came back home to Albany where I had to mow my lawn, work on a sermon and go through a long list of e-mails. Finally, I checked in off of leave.

I expect to have friends in from Jacksonville, Florida for the Labor Day weekend. I think we will probably play a little bit of golf, and generally enjoy each other's company. By Tuesday, I'll probably be ready to come back to work. The reality is that I probably couldn't stand to sit still for very long, anyway. I have a need to be doing something.

In the Bible, Jesus extended an invitation to everyone who ever thought they needed a rest. If you have ever felt burdened by life and had the feeling that you were being overwhelmed, you probably felt like you just needed a break. You wondered if there would ever come a time that you would be able to just rest from the struggles of life. Jesus said that if we would come to Him, he would give us rest. He didn't say we would be bored, just that he would ease our burdens and give us rest.

I think that is something anyone could appreciate. If we really approach Jesus with the attitude that we can't carry the burdens of life any longer, he will give us a better way. The greatest burden of life is our own sin and Jesus has promised to take that burden from us, if we will only trust Him.

This Labor Day, as you take a break from some of your regular activities, I would encourage you to take a break from that which really weighs you down. The weight of sin is greater than any of us can carry. Let God carry it for you.

Semper Fi in the Lord, and I hope to see you in church on Sunday.

COMMAND RELIGIOUS PROGRAM WORSHIP INFORMATION

Sunday School 9 a.m.
Divine Services 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Base Chapel at
639-5282. For emergencies, call the
Officer of the Day at 639-5206.

Crossroads Restaurant Menu

Today Soup of the Day Southern fried chicken Homemade meatloaf Macaroni & cheese Southern style greens Corn nuggets Cornbread	Tuesday Soup of the Day Sesame chicken wings Baked meatloaf Mashed potatoes Fried rice Stir fried vegetables Rolls & butter Salad bar
Friday Soup of the Day Baked & fried whiting Chicken pot pie Mashed potatoes Collard greens Buttered corn Cornbread muffins	Wednesday Soup of the Day Sliced roast pork El Rancho stew Steamed rice Squash sautee Steamed broccoli Rolls & butter Salad bar
Monday Closed - Labor Day	

Lunch Buffet & Lunch Buffet Takeout — \$5.95

Soup & Salad and Soup & Salad Takeout — \$3.95

(add dessert \$4.95)
Express Lunch — \$3.95

**Hours of Operation — Mon. - Fri.,
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Marine Corps Training

Swim Qual

Swimming qualifications will be determined based upon the availability of the pool.

Martial Arts

martial arts sustainment training will begin three days a week after the Labor Day holiday.

Sections wishing to train can call Gunnerly Sgt. Crane at 639-7489 or Staff Sgt.

Dixon at 639-5115 to schedule classes. Future courses will be scheduled.

Corporal's course

• Sept. 27 — Oct. 15
Contact Staff Sgt. Floyd at 639-5130 to sign up.

Pistol Range

• Sep. 13 — 17; Sep. 20 — 24; Sep. 27 — 30.

Safety brief will be at 10 a.m. at the Pistol Range the Friday prior.

Warrior Team Competition

• Oct. 19 — 21

Annual Training

• Oct. 6

3 p.m. Battle study PME for officers and SNCOs and Right Hand Man's night.

PFT

• Sept. 8 at 7:30 a.m.

MCCS Test

• Sept. 2

1:30 p.m. in S-3.

The Battalion Web page is now available at www.ala.usmc.mil.



Community Briefs

— Register on-line for **Marine on Line**. All Marines should enroll for an account at Web site www.mol.usmc.System/TFAS/Login.asp.

If you have previously enrolled and have forgotten or lost your password go to Web site www.mol.usmc.mil/System/TFAS/public/Recovery.asp.

Call Gunnerly Sgt. Kelly or Gunnerly Sgt. Williams at 639-7093/7140.

— **Winter leagues** are now forming at the Bowling Center.

There will be Youth, Tenpinners' Mixed, Officers' Mixed, Odd Couples Mixed and Lunch Time leagues. Entry forms can be found on the MCCS Web page at www.ala.usmc.mil/mccs. Call 639-7875 for more information.

— **Iraqi donations** in support of deployed Marines can be made either through product donations of requested items or cash.

Marines are requesting items such as body wash, lotions, skin cleansers, shampoo, cocoa butter

and face creams and other personal hygiene items.

There is also a need for bug sprays, batteries, conditioners and soap. Snacks, in non-crushable packaging, such as nuts, Rice Krispy bars, Oreos, and canned goods, etc., are requested.

Other miscellaneous items needed are fly swatters, plastics tumblers, plastic bowls, and balls.

Donations can be made by contacting Sgt. Tremakia Summerlin at 639-6474.

— A **babysitting course** is available through the Children, Youth & Teen Office. Register by calling 639-7940.

Individuals must be 12 years or older to register. A \$25 fee is due at time of registration.

— **Keep Albany Dougherty Beautiful** is looking for volunteers to assist with special events by wearing the "Duncan D. Trash" mascot costume.

For more information, call 883-6700.

It's All For You!

ITT

Great Discounts at ITT!

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre
In Dawson, Georgia
Sept. 17 & 24.
Tickets available for \$28.
639-8177
ALL

NASCAR tickets
For Oct. 30 & 31
races at Atlanta Motor Speedway.
Last day to order is Sept. 17.
639-8177
ALL

Fri. Sept. 3	Sat. Sept. 4	Sun. Sept. 5	Mon. Sept. 6	Tues. Sept. 7	Wed. Sept. 8	Thurs. Sept. 9
Tonight's Movie Carwoman PG13 7 p.m. FREE 639-5166 ALL	Youth League Sign-up Day Bowling Center 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Youth bowl all day for \$1 per game. 639-5233 ALL		LABOR DAY	Playmooing Base Chapel Annex 9:30-10:30 a.m. 639-5199 ALL	Tonight's Movie The Manchurian Candidate R 7 p.m. FREE 639-5166 ALL	Ladies Night Auto Skills Center 639-5226 ALL
	MOVIES Carwoman PG 13 1 p.m. The Bourne Supremacy PG13 7 p.m. FREE 639-5166 ALL			Military Academic Skills Program class begins. Through Oct. 1. Base Education 0800 639-5162 AD		

Marriage & Money
Get your family finances in good shape and keep them there.
Sept. 8, 1:30-3 p.m.
Bldg. 3600, Classroom #1
Register by Sept. 3 at 438-7650.
ALL

Food & Hospitality

Thanks for taking part in our *Lunch Bunch Punch Card Promotion* at Crossroads! This promotion ends Sept. 30, so get those punches and enjoy your twelfth lunch free through Sept. 30. No more cards are being issued, and no more punches or redemptions will be available after Sept. 30. Over 300 of you have received a free lunch since the promotion began in February!

The Archery Range Opens Saturday!

Hours are Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sundays 1-5 p.m.
Come and give it a try. It's FREE! Bring your own equipment.
639-7724
ALL

POW/MIA Breakfast

Friday, Sept. 10
8:30 a.m.
Crossroads
Tickets: \$6.50
Purchase tickets in advance at MCCS office, Bldg. 7530.
Speaker: SgtMaj. Glenn N. Wright, USMC (ret.)
Call 639-7716 for more information.
ALL

ELIGIBILITY LEGEND

ALL: Open to all Active Duty, Retirees, DoD Civilians, Contractors, Reservists and their family members
AD: Active Duty and their family members
R: Retirees and their family members
C: DoD civilians and their family members
N: Contractors and their family members
V: Reservists and their family members

2004 Commander's Cup Golf Tournament
October 9 & 10
Grand Island Golf Club
2-man teams + 36 holes
Best Ball & Scramble
\$1000 cash first prize for each flight (based on a full field). **Hole-in-One, Closest-To-The-Pin** and other great prizes!

Eligible: Any golfer with a current GHIN handicap index.
Entry Fee: \$80 per golfer (includes cart, range balls, breakfast for morning rounds and lunch both days)
Format: AM and PM shotgun start. Saturday: Best Ball; Sunday: Scramble. Maximum handicap spread of 7 strokes between partners.
Entry Forms: Call MCCS at 639-7875, or find printable entry forms on our Web site. **ALL**

MCCS Marketing Hotline 639-5268

MCCS Web site www.ala.usmc.mil/mccs

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Railway keeps base supplied, in business

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EMBLEM STAFF

For over 50 years, one base institution has run faithfully, transporting essential goods and equipment to different commands throughout the base, during even the harshest of conditions. Like the diligent characters in a children's fairy tale, two giant yellow train engines have tirelessly carried vehicles and supplies to and from Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany's warehouses during the Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars, and they continue to run today in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Working behind the scenes to ensure the smooth operation of these rolling titans are a dedicated group of men who labor through intense heat and blistering cold to make sure their locomotives never run late. Albany's "train men", composed of an engineer, conductor, and brakeman, come from a variety of backgrounds, most having worked for commercial train transportation companies before serving aboard the base.

Paul Irvin, engineer, has had more than two decades to memorize all 25 miles of the base's tracks and says he would not trade his job for the world.

"I guess I must like this job because I've been doing it for over 20 years now," Irvin said. "I really love this job because I like working with trains and Marines. In this job I get to do both." Aside from the intangible rewards of working with Marines, the train men say there are many benefits associated with working on base rather than for a commercial company.

"Our job is a lot more dangerous in the civilian sector, said Paul Williamson, Brakeman. "Out there (in the civilian sector) we'd be moving trains and switching cars at night and that usually lead to a lot of hazardous situations."

Commercial transportation trains bring cargo crates on and off base but the responsibility of loading and unloading and on-base transportation falls on the train men and their hybrid diesel/electric engines.

"Our engines weigh 12 tons and are capable of pulling 10 times their weight," said Bobby Gay, Conductor. "We usually pull 10 full cars that weigh upwards of 242,000 lbs."

The train men are never without something to do, especially as Marines continue deployments to the middle east.

When they're not moving cargo, they maintain their massive engines in the station they've nicknamed the "roundhouse".

"Everyday we move something," Williamson said. "Weather extremes make it challenging sometimes, but we never stop."



Paul Irvin, engineer, guides the train along some of the base's 25 miles of railroad track.

Through even the roughest weather conditions these guardians of the iron tracks and their predecessors have worked for half a century ensuring that Marines have vehicles and equipment that are fit for the fight.

These silent warriors with big hearts are Albany's train men, and they're keeping the Marine Corps' mission in Albany on track.



Inside the station, or roundhouse as the train operators affectionately call it, engine No. 2 awaits the call to duty.



Bobby Gay, conductor, turns a switch on the track to allow the train to pass through.



Although the conductor, engineer and brakeman all have radios, much of the communication aboard the engine is done with one man at the helm giving hand signals to the men in the back. Here, Paul Irvin examines the track way for debris.



Sgt. Damian McGee

Kickoff time in Albany!

(Top) Mayor Willie Adams assists Albany State University staff with the cutting of the ribbon ceremony. (Bottom) Members of the Albany State Rams Marching Band perform during the ribbon cutting ceremony. Albany State maintains its relationship with the base through the use of its facilities and assisting Marines with obtaining a high - er education by offering a wide assortment of night class - es. The university is currently revisiting the idea of bring - ing classes back to the base.



MCLB Spotlight

Pin City Food Service

Pin City Food Service
hours of operations are —
Monday
11 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday
11 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
4 - 9 p.m.
Saturday
12 — 9 p.m.
Sunday
1 - 6 p.m.



CPL. ANDREW P. ROUFFS

Pin City manager, Leslie Mooney, serves a customer during lunch at Pin City.

Research saves cash in long run

PFC. JAMES D. HAMEL
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

You're a junior Marine, sick of walking everywhere and you hear a sales pitch promising you a ride to a car dealership and a great deal on a used auto.

Next thing you know, you're in a stranger's car, driving for hours until, after dark, you find yourself at a dealership, alone.

After going over every car in the lot and finding that the only lender you can borrow from is the dealer - at outrageous interest rates - you tell the dealer, "Thanks, but I'm not interested."

But, you're 200 miles from base and you've got to be at work in eight hours.

The dealer is fine with you not buying a car, then he asks, "How are you getting back?"

A situation like this may seem extreme, but has happened to Marines before and is part of a large problem: Marines, especially younger Marines, are getting scammed, tricked and outsmarted out of large portions of their pay.

Sarah Brooks, secretary at the station inspector's office said that dealers prey on Marine's lack of patience when making big purchases.

"(Young Marines) want instant gratification instead of doing research about what they're buying," she said.

Gunnery Sgt. Dawn Sanchez, the station equal opportunity advisor said this problem was compounded sometimes by young Marines' gullibility.

Sanchez said that because most Marines were new to the area, they are too trusting of

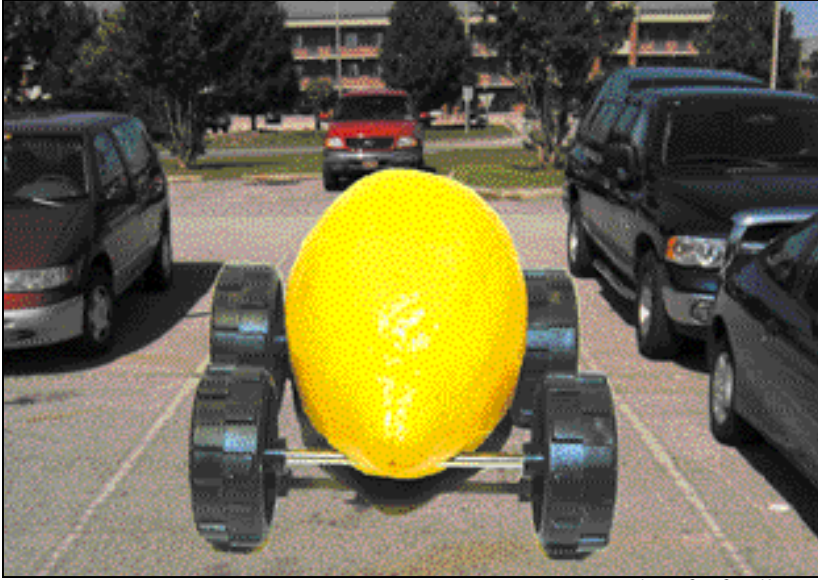
unscrupulous business people who often want nothing other than a profit.

That doesn't mean you can't find a good deal on reliable transportation. As Sanchez added, the trick is for Marines to read their contracts all the way through.

Col. Paul J. Pisano, the station inspector and acting chief-of-staff, offered more advice for Marines looking to find a good deal.

"Their appetite has to be within their budget," he said of Marines. Pisano said that even he as a young Marine made a financially irresponsible decision by buying a car beyond his financial means.

Pisano said since that experience, he has been successful at buying a car through insurance company brokers, and encouraged younger Marines to research that method.



LANCE CPL. CURT KEESTER

Without proper research, Marines could end up owning a "lemon."

But he was quick to add that price can't be the only thing to consider when ensuring you aren't getting yourself into something unmanageable.

"Sometimes Marines end up paying more interest through the (car) loan than the value of the car," he said.

Sanchez said that a good defense against high interest

loans is to get someone in your chain-of-command to go over the details of the loan with you, and to get their advice about how you might make a smarter choice.

Pisano agreed, saying that experience was the best weapon to use in intelligent decision making.

Sanchez said another way to prevent sellers and scam-

artists from taking advantage of Marines is to report any suspicious financial dealings to your superiors or to the inspector's office.

"Marines are always looking for a good deal," Pisano said.

But that search for a good deal, without exercising patience and conducting proper research, can yield a financial disaster.

Leave donations requests for employee emergencies

For more information, call 639-5228. To donate annual leave, submit an Optical Form 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient (Within agency) under the Leave Transfer Program

- **Cindy B. Shelton**, an employee of Supply Chain Management Center, needs leave donations for recuperation from surgery.

Call Diane Bradley at 639-7351 for further information.

- **Beryl W. Brown**, an employee of Fleet Support Division, needs leave donations for recuperation from an auto accident.

Call Sherrie Kuck at 639-5881.

- **Robert A. Dickerson**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations due to illness.

Call Thomas Newton at 639-6348.

- **Reid E. Merritt**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations to care for family member.

Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.

- **Brenda M. Washington**, an employee of Transportation Voucher Certification Division, needs leave donations for recuperation from illness.

Call Genny Goerling at 639-5674.

- **Larry W. Dowdy**, an employee of Public Works, needs leave donations for recuperation from heart attack.

Call Diane McCall at 639-8064.

- **Linda K. Laney**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for recuperation from back surgery.

Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.

- **Warren R. Teague**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for treatment of lung cancer.

Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.

- **Nancy C. Elmore**, an employee of the Child Development Center, needs leave donations for treatment of cancer.

Call Billie Lewis at 639-5220.

- **Phillip C. Reed**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for treatment of tumor.

Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.

- **Kimberly C. Tison**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for recuperation from back surgery.

Call Mary Belcner at 639-6901.

MCLB Albany's ICE system is *HOT*!

EMBLEM STAFF



Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany's primary goal is to strengthen its position as a world-class service provider by providing the best service possible. MCLB Albany implemented ICE to help meet this commitment. ICE allows you, the customer, to comment on the services you use.

There is also a "Comments and Recommendations for Improvement Box" where you can voice your recommendations for improvement or Kudos about a service or program you have used in great detail. This will let the managers know exactly what it is that you liked or disliked about the service you received and how they can improve their service.

The customer comment cards are anonymous unless a customer specifically requests a response. Customers must provide their name, telephone number, and/or email address to receive a response.

Managers will use the customer feedback to continuously review, improve, and provide the highest quality service possible to you the customer.

Customers can visit ICE at Web site www.ice.disa.mil or by accessing the MCLB Albany homepage at www.ala.usmc.mil and clicking on the ICE logo. If further assistance is needed, the ICE Site Manager can be reached at atsmblogcomice@logcom.usmc.mil.

Base Theater Schedule			
FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 3		WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 8	
7 p.m. -- <i>Catwoman</i> , rated PG13 — Halle Berry, Benjamin Bratt, Sharon Stone		7 p.m. -- <i>The Manchurian Candidate</i> , rated R — Denzel Washington, Live Schreiber, Meryl Streep, Kimberly Elise	
SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 4		<i>The Base Theater is free to military identification card holders. Movies are shown Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m., in addition to Saturday matinees at 1 p.m.</i>	
1 p.m. -- <i>Catwoman</i> , rated PG13 — Halle Berry, Benjamin Bratt, Sharon Stone		<i>Saturday matinees are on a limited basis and will be publicized accordingly.</i>	
7 p.m. -- <i>The Bourne Supremacy</i> , rated PG13 — Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Brian Cox, Joan Allen		<i>The movie schedule is listed on the MCLB Albany Web page.</i>	

Once again – The Battle of All Battles

Sep. 16 starting at 7 p.m.

A FUNdraiser for the 2004 Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Tickets will be pre-sold and at the gate.

If you would like to participate in the event, contact Gunnery Sgt. Vincent Woodbury at 639-8665 or Sgt. William Cheers at 639-5664.

Refreshments will be served.

POW — From Page 1 way through France to Germany's Rhine River. He was captured in March 1945.

He was first reported as missing in action, and later as a prisoner in a German POWcamp.

However, Millard Wright's incarceration at the hands of the Germans was short-lived.

He managed to escape about a week after his capture, in April 1945.

Following his World War II tour, he was assigned duty at the Puson Perimeter in Korea during the Korean Conflict over the 38th Parallel. Ten days after his arrival,

in Korea, Millard Wright was killed in action.

Don Wright continued to serve with the Merchant Marines until his death in 1979. He died at sea.

As a young boy of 11 at the time his brothers were reported MIAand KIA, Glenn Wright's personal memory of his brothers' experiences is scanty, other than noting that his parents were profoundly affected.

Wright himself enlisted in the Marine Corps to avoid being drafted into the Army, and his years of service include several years with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Wright is married to the former Joan Kirk of Carrollton, Ga.

Don’t mix drinking and driving this Labor Day

Risk Management Office

Note: Recent decreases in alcohol related traffic fatalities in 2003 demonstrates that frequent and highly publicized law enforcement mobilizations such as “You Drink & Drive. You Lose.” work in combination with tough anti-drunk driving laws and swift and strict sentencing. The following is a release from MADD.

IRVING, Texas — As Labor Day rolls around, one of the nation’s deadliest holidays, Mothers Against Drunk Driving reminds everyone that more than 9,000 law enforcement officers will be out in full force cracking down on drunk drivers.

“You Drink & Drive. You Lose.” involves high-visibility enforcement, like sobriety checkpoints that take little time for citizens, and are proven to reduce alcohol-related traffic fatalities and injuries by 18 to 24 percent. MADD affiliates around the country are supporting law enforcement efforts by providing drunk driving awareness literature to motorists, making sure officers are recognized for their hard work and helping community leaders understand that by stopping drunk driving there are gains in long-term benefits such as lives saved and economic savings. Nearly 56 percent of Labor Day weekend traffic fatalities in 2002 involved alcohol—300 people were killed.

“Sobriety checkpoints are intimidating to those who break the law,” says Wendy J. Hamilton, MADD national president. “Checkpoints deter drunk drivers because they are visible and frequent, and potential drunk drivers who are smart don’t get behind the wheel at all. The odds are stacked against them.”

This is the first national law enforcement mobilization since all 50



Impaired Driving Crackdown

states and the District of Columbia enacted the .08 percent blood alcohol content laws that determine impaired driving and since the Department of Transportation announced a three percent decrease in alcohol-related traffic fatalities from 2002 to 2003.

If police suspect drunk driving, they must conduct a field sobriety test and depending on the results, the officer then determines, based on the law, if a blood or breath test must be given to determine blood alcohol level. If someone tests above the legal blood alcohol level, they are then arrested.

“MADD supports increased training for prosecutors and judges who handle DUI cases, because the cases can be very complex and unfortunately frequent,” Hamilton said. “Many people still don’t think drunk driving is a serious crime unless there is death or injury. I’m here to tell you that people usually drive drunk many times

before that occurs. They get a lot of practice — practice that may become deadly.”

There are still more than 17,000 alcohol-related traffic fatalities and half a million injuries each year. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration studies show that nearly 97 percent of Americans view drinking and driving by others as a threat to their families and themselves.

“You Drink & Drive. You Lose” began in 1999 combining highly visible law enforcement with a \$14 million national advertising campaign – the largest paid media buy in the crackdown’s history.

Advertising during the crackdown highlights that law enforcement will strictly enforce drunk driving laws during the three-week crackdown period through Sept. 12.

Additionally, for the first time, the crackdown will take place during the Labor Day period to target the end-of-summer impaired driving problem.

For more information on how to ensure sobriety checkpoints take place in your town or for safe party tips, please visit Web site www.madd.org.

States that do not conduct sobriety checkpoints are Alaska, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. However, these states do conduct some type of enhanced enforcement to deter drunk driving.

NHTSA’s state-by-state alcohol-related traffic fatality statistics once again show that all states need to do more to stop drunk driving.

MADD is a non-profit organization whose mission is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking.

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

ACT

We all have the power to make the right decision, to voice a question, or to point out a hazard. You are empowered to ACT.

Facts

- **POV mishaps are the leading cause of death to Marines.**
- **203 Marines died during FY99-03 in 4-wheel POV mishaps.**
- **135 Marines who died were the driver. 87 were driving alone.**
- **32 of the drivers had Marines as passengers.**
- **68 Marines died as passengers.**
- **46 passengers died with a Marine driving.**

Analysis

- **Nearly 25% of Marines killed while driving had another Marine in the vehicle who could have acted to save the Marine's life.**
- **Over 66% of Marines killed as passengers were riding in a vehicle driven by another Marine who failed to act to prevent the fatality.**

Marines can **ACT** to break the mishap chain.

Assess the Situation. Look at your surroundings. What could go wrong, how likely, and how severe?

Consider your risk options. Seek ways to eliminate or control the risks. Consider the consequences. Ask what can we do to prevent mishaps. Can we postpone the task until there are more favorable conditions? Use your authority to make the correct decision!

Take appropriate action. Implement your best options. If others are involved, make sure they understand the risks and proper actions they must take.

ACT is an abbreviated form of ORM developed by the USAF and adopted by the USMC as the 2nd Qtr, FY04 Safety Theme

Risk Management 639-5249

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Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m.
Protestant Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Free childcare is provided for your convenience.

Upcoming Events
Sep 8. — Ladies Bible Study starts at 10:00 a.m.
Sep. 9 — Thursday Bible Study starts at 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 24 — Chapel Hayride

The Chapel of the Good Shepherd
Making a difference, one person at a time.
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FILE PHOTO

Timothy Hardwick (left), national winner of the BIG oratorical contest poses with fellow local contest winner Frenise Venisee, Mr. Bill Robinson, president, Albany BIG chapter and Ms. Sherrilynne Marshall, VP, Albany BIG chapter.

The next two significant events for the Albany area chapter are its annual awards banquet Oct. 23 and professional day of training on Oct. 29.

The awards banquet will begin at 7:30 p. m. at the MCLB Officer Club.

The keynote speaker is State Representative Stan Watson. Banquet tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased from Bill Robinson, 639-7134, Melvin Hines, 639-6639 or Sherrilynne Marshall, 639-7058.

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complete rules and restrictions, see the terms and conditions below.

United States military men and women who are participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom also are welcome to be American's guests at Admirals Club facilities worldwide between flights when they are on emergency or Rest and Relaxation leave from their overseas duties. This invitation for complimentary access has been extended through Dec. 31, 2004 at all airport locations that do not have USO facilities. Eligible military personnel

in appropriate uniform need only present their emergency or R&R leave forms from Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom to access an Admirals Club location.

In addition, American is inviting uniformed military personnel to pre-board with First-Class passengers, or at any time during the boarding process. The boarding announcements were modified in February and American plans to continue this service as a thank you to U.S. troops.

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• Up to \$18 per round trip in local airport charges.

• And a September 11th Security Fee of \$2.50 per enplanement originating at a U.S. airport which can be up to \$5 per one way or \$10 per round trip.

The discount military fares are available for travel through Jan. 31, 2005. Advance purchase requirements do not apply, but ticketing must occur within seven days after the reservation is made.

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